

GRANTS-IN-AID AND PRIZES OFFERED BY THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

At its meeting in Chapel Hill in May 1973, the Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society decided to publish in the Wilson Bulletin a recapitulation of the various awards offered by the Society, together with details of eligibility, deadlines for application, etc.

The Society has two annual grants-in-aid, intended to support original ornithological research. These are administered by the Research Committee, of which the Chairman is Dr. Frank B. Gill, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th and The Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. These grants are as follows:

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES GRANT-IN-AID, \$200. Although there are no restrictions on eligibility, applications from "non-professionals" (including students) are preferred.

MARGARET MORSE NICE GRANT-IN-AID, \$100. Restricted to applicants not associated with a college or university; these grants are intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible.

Applications for either of these grants, including a one or two page summary of the proposed project, should be sent to Dr. Gill no later than 1 April 1974.

Prizes awarded by the Wilson Society are as follows:

ALEXANDER WILSON PRIZE, \$100. Awarded through an *ad hoc* committee appointed by the President for the best paper presented at an annual meeting by a student speaker who has not attained a doctorate. Not eligible for this prize are papers by invited participants in symposia, or papers coauthored by a holder of a doctorate even if presented by a student.

ERNEST P. EDWARDS PRIZES, \$200 and \$100. Awarded through a committee, currently chaired by Dr. Helmut C. Mueller, of which the editor of the Wilson Bulletin is always a member. Given for the best and next-best papers published in the preceding year's volume of the Bulletin. Originality, importance, and clarity of presentation are among the factors considered. Winners are announced at the annual meeting.

Through a generous gift from Mrs. Aaron M. Bagg in memory of her late husband, a former President of the Wilson Ornithological Society, a number of student memberships in the Society will be made available. Details of the Aaron Moore Bagg Student Membership Awards will be published in the March 1974 issue of the Wilson Bulletin.